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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

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1. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the disclosed adaptations "to wet the fluorohydrocarbon film and form a physical bond with the film", does not reasonably provide enablement for all of the isocyanates adaptations encompassed by the instant claim language. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. It would require undue experimentation to determine all of the adaptations encompassed by the instant claim language which are not described by the instant specification.

2. Claims 21-23 and 45-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. The instant claims are directed to an "adhesive system". Claims 21-23 and 45-47 recite substrates. It is unclear how these substrate limitations further limit the "adhesive system" of the instant claims.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5, 11-13, 17-28, 34-36, and 40-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4511626 Schumacher. Schumacher discloses an adhesive containing polyurethane prepolymer containing free NCO groups which can wet PTFE and contains tin catalyst which falls within the

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scope of the instantly claimed adhesive system. See column 7, lines 22-61; column 8, lines 11-24; column 9, lines 1-68; column 10, lines 1-4; and the remainder of the document. The polyisocyanate is expected to necessarily inherently have a viscosity falling within the scope of that of the broad range of the instant claims. The dessicants of the patentee will act as defoamers since they eliminate the water/NCO reaction and consequently prevent foaming. Zinc Oxide and carbon black are UV absorbers. The substrates of the instant claims 21-23 are not seen as excluding the composition of the patentee as being the instantly claimed adhesive system.

5. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4728710 Goel.

Goel discloses a polyurethane adhesive containing components falling within the scope of the adhesive systems of the instant claims. See the abstract; column 1, lines 31-68; column 2, lines 1-68; column 3, lines 1-56; column 4, lines 1-11; and the remainder of the document. It is therefore expected that these components necessarily inherently possess the instantly claimed "adapted to wet the fluorohydrocarbon film and form a physical bond with the film" limitation. The substrates of the instant claims 21-23 are not seen as excluding the composition of the patentee as being the instantly claimed adhesive system. The polyisocyanate is expected to necessarily inherently have a viscosity falling within the scope of that of the broad range of the instant claims based on the molecular weights of the components, their identities, and the amounts of each component used to make the polyisocyanates.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Niland whose telephone number is (571) 272-1121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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January 8, 2004


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